Form **8812**

Additional Child Tax Credit

1040 1040A 8812

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2005

Attachment Sequence No. **47**

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99)

Complete and attach to Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

Name	me(s) shown on return	Your social security number
Pa	art I All Filers	
1	Enter the amount from line 1 of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet on page 38 of the Form 1040 is or page 37 of the Form 1040A instructions. If you used Pub. 972, enter the amount from line worksheet on page 4 of the publication	
2	Enter the amount from Form 1040, line 52, or Form 1040A, line 33	2
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero, stop; you cannot take this credit	3
4a	a Earned income (see instructions on back)	
b 5	12, with code Q. If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours	
	Yes. Subtract \$11,000 from the amount on line 4a. Enter the result . 5	
6		6
	Next. Do you have three or more qualifying children?	
	No. If line 6 is zero, stop; you cannot take this credit. Otherwise, skip Part II and smaller of line 3 or line 6 on line 13.	enter the
	Yes. If line 6 is equal to or more than line 3, skip Part II and enter the amount from I	line 3 on
	line 13. Otherwise, go to line 7.	
Pai	art II Certain Filers Who Have Three or More Qualifying Children	
7	Withheld social security and Medicare taxes from Form(s) W-2, boxes 4 and 6. If married filing jointly, include your spouse's amounts with yours. If you worked for a railroad, see instructions on back	
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	27 and 59, plus any uncollected social security and Medicare or tier 1 RRTA taxes included on line 63.	
	1040A filers: Enter -0	
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10	1040 filers: Enter the total of the amounts from Form 1040, lines 66a and 67.	
	1040A filers: Enter the total of the amount from Form 1040A, line	
	41a, plus any excess social security and tier 1 RRTA taxes withheld that you entered to the left of line 43	
	(see instructions on back).	
11	Subtract line 10 from line 9. If zero or less, enter -0-	11
12	Enter the larger of line 6 or line 11	12
	Next, enter the smaller of line 3 or line 12 on line 13.	
Pai	art III Additional Child Tax Credit	
13	This is your additional child tax credit	13
		Enter this amount on
		Form 1040, line 68, or
		Form 1040A, line 42.

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Instructions

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8812 to figure your additional child tax credit. The additional child tax credit may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

Who Should Use Form 8812

First, complete the Child Tax Credit Worksheet that applies to you. See the instructions for Form 1040, line 52, or Form 1040A, line 33. If you meet the condition given in the *TIP* at the end of your Child Tax Credit Worksheet, use Form 8812 to see if you can take the additional child tax credit.

Effect of Credit on Welfare Benefits

Any refund you receive as a result of taking the additional child tax credit will not be used to determine if you are eligible for the following programs, or how much you can receive from them. But if the refund you receive because of the additional child tax credit is not spent within a certain period of time, it may count as an asset (or resource) and affect your eligibility.

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Medicaid and supplemental security income (SSI).
- Food stamps and low-income housing.

Earned Income

To figure the amount to include on line 4a, answer the four questions below. Also, see *Nontaxable combat pay* next.

Nontaxable combat pay. Enter on line 4b the total amount of nontaxable combat pay that you, and your spouse if filing jointly, received in 2005. This amount should be shown in box 12 of your Form(s) W-2 with code Q.

Nontaxable combat pay received in 2005 must be included in earned income for purposes of the additional child tax credit. If you, or your spouse if filing jointly, did not elect to include nontaxable combat pay in earned income when figuring the earned income credit (EIC) on Form 1040, line 66a, or Form 1040A, line 41a, or if you are not taking the EIC, add any nontaxable combat pay not included in your earned income figured in question 2 or 4 on this page. Enter the total on Form 8812, line 4a.

1. Did you, or	your spouse if	filing jointly,	have net	earnings from	n
self-employment	and use either	optional metho	od to figu	ire those net	
earnings?					

No. Go to question 2.

Yes. Use Pub. 972 to figure the amount to enter on Form 8812, line 4a.

2. Are you taking the earned income credit (EIC) on Form 1040, line 66a, or Form 1040A, line 41a?

Yes. Use the following chart to find the amount to enter on Form 8812, line 4a.

IF you are filing Form	AND you completed	THEN enter on Form 8812, line 4a, the amount from Worksheet B, line 4b*, ** Step 5, Earned Income **	
10.40	Worksheet B on page 46 of your 1040 instructions	Worksheet B, line 4b*, **	
1040	Step 5 on page 43 of your 1040 instructions (but not Worksheet B)	Step 5, Earned Income **	
1040A	Step 5 on page 41 of your 1040A instructions	Step 5, Earned Income **	

^{*} If you were a member of the clergy, subtract the following from the amount on line 4b: (a) the rental value of a home or the nontaxable portion of an allowance for a home furnished to you (including payments for utilities), and (b) the value of meals and lodging provided to you, your spouse, and your dependents for your employer's convenience

No.	1040 filers:	Go to question 3.				
	1040A filers:	Skip question 3 and go to question 4.				

3. Were you, or your spouse if filing jointly, self-employed, or are
you filing Schedule SE because you were a member of the clergy or
you had church employee income, or are you filing Schedule C or
C-EZ as a statutory employee?
No. Go to question 4.

Yes. Use Pub. 972 to figure the amount to enter on Form 8812, line 4a.

- 4. Does the amount on line 7 of Form 1040 or Form 1040A include any of the following amounts?
- Taxable scholarship or fellowship grants not reported on a Form W-2.
- Amounts received for work performed while an inmate in a penal institution (enter "PRI" and the amount received in the space next to line 7 of Form 1040 or 1040A).
- Amounts received as a pension or annuity from a nonqualified deferred compensation plan or a nongovernmental section 457 plan (enter "DFC" and the amount received in the space next to line 7 of Form 1040 or 1040A). This amount may be reported in box 11 of your Form W-2. If you received such an amount but box 11 is blank, contact your employer for the amount received as a pension or annuity.

Ò	Amoun	ts	from	Form	2555,	line	41,	or	Form	2555-	EZ,	line	18.
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No.	Enter the amount from line 7 of Form 1040 or Form
	1040A on Form 8812, line 4a. (If applicable, add to
	this amount the amount described in Nontaxable
	combat pay on this page.)

Yes. Subtract the total of those amounts from the amount on line 7 of Form 1040 or Form 1040A. (If an amount is included in more than one of the above categories, include it only once in figuring the total amount to subtract.) Enter the result on Form 8812, line 4a. (If applicable, add to this amount the amount described in *Nontaxable combat pay* on this page.)

Railroad Employees

If you worked for a railroad, include the following taxes in the total on Form 8812, line 7.

- Tier 1 tax withheld from your pay. This tax should be shown in box 14 of your Form(s) W-2 and identified as "Tier 1 tax."
- \bullet If you were an employee representative, 50% of the total tier 1 tax and tier 1 Medicare tax you paid for 2005.

1040A Filers

If you, or your spouse if filing jointly, had more than one employer for 2005 and total wages of over \$90,000, figure any excess social security and tier 1 railroad retirement (RRTA) taxes withheld. See the instructions for Form 1040A, line 43. Include any excess on Form 8812, line 10.

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If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the Instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

^{**} If applicable, add to this amount the amount described in *Nontaxable combat pay* above.